

Missouri Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) 2004 Wright County Scoring Worksheet

Applicant(s): _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

Farm Number: _____ **Tract Number:** _____ **Acres in Application:** _____

LRF: _____ **New Farmer:** _____ **Livestock Operation:** _____ **if yes, type:** _____

Complete this scoring worksheet for each concern below. Score each tract on a separate scoring worksheet. Award points only for practices planned to receive cost share or incentive payments.

	Percent Planned	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Special Emphasis/Water Quality Areas: 20 point maximum			
(1) Offered acres are in the watershed of a 303d list stream. EQIP planned practice(s) must address the water quality concern in the watershed area identified.		10	A
OR		5	
Offered acres are in the watershed of a public drinking water supply reservoir.			
(2) Percent of unbuffered perennial or intermittent streams, wetlands, sinkholes, or permanent waterbodies planned for buffers.		% X 8	B
(3) Planned well plugging of all abandoned well(s) on offered acres.		2	C
Total Special Emphasis/Water Quality Area Points (A + B + C) =		20	D
Livestock Concerns: 80 point maximum			
(4) Planned improvements made to an <u>existing</u> animal waste management system - such as implementing a waste utilization plan, installing manure transfer pipe, installing roof over existing facilities, adding a composter to a facility, adding solid separation, adding a flush system or similar improvements, closing or converting an existing animal waste facility. Also planned improvements to address air quality such as animal waste digesters and/or farmstead windbreaks designed to control odors.		40	E
OR			
Planned replacement of an inadequate or failing animal waste system or planned installation of a system on an <u>existing</u> operation for collection, storage and/or treatment of animal waste.		40	
a. Planned 0-50% expansion.		30	
b. Planned 51%-100% expansion.		20	
OR			
Planned installation of a <u>new</u> animal waste system for collection, storage, treatment for a <u>new</u> livestock operation and/or enterprise.		15	
(5) Planned <u>new</u> prescribed grazing system:		30	F
a. 8 or more paddocks		20	
b. 4-7 paddocks		12	
OR			
<u>Existing</u> prescribed grazing system with plans to increase paddocks by 4 or more new paddocks.			
(6) Plan to convert a minimum of 20% of existing cool season pasture and/or hayland acres to native warm season grasses.		6	G
(7) Plan to improve a minimum of 30% of existing pasture acres by interseeding legumes.		4	H
Total Livestock Concern Points (E + F + G + H) =		80	I
Cropland Concerns: 20 point maximum			
(8) Percent of offered cropland acres planned for nutrient management.		% X 10	J
(9) Percent of offered cropland acres planned for pest management.		% X 5	K
(10) Percent of offered cropland acres treated to reduce sheet and/or rill soil erosion (any practice that will reduce sheet and/or rill soil erosion from the existing condition) or treated to address air quality (any practice(s) that will have positive impacts on air quality, including crop rotation, cover crops, and/or buffer practices).		% X 5	L
Total Cropland Concern Points (J + K + L) =		20	M

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Wildlife and Forestry Concerns: 30 point maximum				
(11) Planned practices address basic habitat requirements of bobwhite quail on the offered acres.				
OR				
Planned restoration of declining habitats - prairie, savanna, glade, riparian forest, permanent wetland - on the contract acres to be treated. Plan practices only on suitable soils.			% X 12	N
(12) Planned practices benefit a federal threatened or endangered species or a state rare species (see eFOTG section II) on a minimum of 20% of the offered acres.			6	O
(13) Agroforestry farming systems planned (minimum of 10 acres) on woodland or transitional soils.			4	P
(14) Planned forest stand improvement (thinning) of overstocked woodlands (>100%) on a minimum of 10 acres.			3	Q
(15) Planned treatment of eroding areas on forest land (harvest trails, log landing areas, gullies, etc.).			3	R
(16) Livestock exclusion planned on 90% of all forest land acres (livestock currently has access).			2	S
Total Wildlife and Forestry Concern Points (N + O + P + Q + R + S) =			30	T
Compliance with Regulations: 50 point maximum				
(17) Application includes resource concern(s) subject to Local, County, State or Federal Regulation.			50	U
Total Points for Compliance with Regulations (U) =			50	V
Subtotal to determine Cost Effectiveness (D + I + M + T + V) =			200	W
Cost Effectiveness Index = Total EQIP Dollars/ Subtotal of EQIP Points (W)				
Total EQIP Dollars requested =				
Subtotal of EQIP Points (W) =				
Cost Effectiveness Index =				
Cost Effectiveness of Planned Conservation Practices: 50 point maximum				
(18) Planned practices provide a high level of environmental benefit at minimal cost (cost effectiveness index is 250.0 or less)			50	
OR				
Planned practices provide a high level of environmental benefit at moderate cost (cost effectiveness index of 250.1 to 500.0)			25	X
Total Cost Effectiveness Points (X) =			50	Y
Local Resource Priorities: 50 point maximum				
(19) Identified Local Concern: Grazing Land Health			24	Z
(20) Identified Local Concern: Animal Waste Management			10	AA
(21) Identified Local Concern: Wildlife Habitat Management			9	BB
(22) Identified Local Concern: Forest Health and Management			7	CC
Total Local Resource Priority Points (Z + AA + BB + CC) =			50	DD
Total Points (W+ Y + DD) =			300	
<p>I am submitting this Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) application to NRCS for consideration. I understand that any practices started prior to an application being selected for funding and approved as a contract are not eligible for EQIP funding.</p>				
Signature of Applicant			Date	
Signature of NRCS/SWCD Technical Representative			Date	

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